

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): An anode, comprising:

an anode collector;

~~an~~ a first layer including anode active material ~~layer~~ which is provided on the anode collector, and which is alloyed with the anode collector on at least a portion of interface between the ~~anode active material~~ first layer and the anode collector; and

a second layer including silicon oxide having a thickness of about 50 nm or more wherein the second layer is provided on the ~~anode active material~~ first layer.

Claim 2 (currently amended): An anode, comprising:

an anode collector;

~~an~~ a first layer including anode active material ~~layer~~ which is formed on the anode collector by at least one method selected from the group consisting of a vapor-phase method, a liquid phase method, and a sinter method; and

a second layer including silicon oxide having a thickness of about 50 nm or more wherein the second layer is provided on the ~~anode active material~~ first layer.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The anode according to claim 2, wherein the ~~anode active material~~ first layer is alloyed with the anode collector on at least a portion of interface between the anode active material layer and the anode collector.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The anode according to claim 2, wherein the ~~anode active material~~ first layer includes at least one type of a simple substance and compounds of silicon (Si).

Claim 5 (currently amended): The anode according to claim 2, wherein the second layer including silicon oxide includes silicon dioxide.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A battery, comprising a cathode, an anode, and an electrolyte; wherein

the anode comprises an anode collector, ~~an~~ a first layer including anode active material ~~layer~~ which is provided on the anode collector, and which is alloyed with the anode collector on at least a portion of interface between the ~~anode active material~~ first layer and the anode collector, and a second layer including silicon oxide having a thickness of about 50 nm or more which is provided on the ~~anode active material~~ first layer.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A battery, comprising a cathode, an anode, and an electrolyte; wherein

the anode comprises an anode collector, a first layer including anode active material ~~layer~~ which is formed on the anode collector by at least one method selected from the group consisting of a vapor-phase method, a liquid phase method, and a sinter method, and a second layer including silicon oxide having a thickness of about 50 nm or more wherein the second layer is provided on the ~~anode active material~~ first layer.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The battery according to claim 7, wherein the ~~anode active material~~ first layer is alloyed with the anode collector on at least portion of interface between the ~~anode active material layer~~ first and the anode collector.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The battery according to claim 7, wherein the ~~anode active material~~ first layer includes at least one type of a simple substance and compounds of silicon (Si).

Claim 10 (original): The battery according to claim 7, wherein the second layer including silicon oxide includes silicon dioxide.

Claim 11 (original): The battery according to claim 7, wherein the electrolyte includes a holding body, a solvent, and an electrolytic salt.

Claim 12 (original): The battery according to claim 7, further comprising one or more film exterior members that house the cathode, the anode, and the electrolyte.

Claim 13 (original): The battery according to claim 7, wherein the cathode contains a metal complex oxide including lithium.